

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF DIAMONDS BY NMDC
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) is also involved in mining of diamond;
- (b) if so, the quantum of diamond extracted from the year 2004 to October 2009, year-wise
- (c) whether the NMDC has fixed any target for the production of diamond for the current financial year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the extent to which the set target has been achieved by NMDC so far; and
- (f) the carat for which environmental clearance has been granted to the company?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL(SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) The year-wise diamond production from 2004 to October 2009 is as follows:

Year Diamond Production (in carats)

2004-2005 78,217.12

2005-2006 43,877.75

2006-2007 1,703.20

2007-2008 Nil

2008-2009 Nil

2009-Oct.2009 5,819.17

(c)to(e): Yes,Madam.NMDC has fixed a target of 15,000 carats for production during the current financial year. Out of this, NMDC has produced 7464.45 carats of diamonds up to 30.11.2009.

(f) 1,00,000 Carats per year.